Amendment No. 104 to HB7001

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001*

House Bill No. 7001

By adding the following new section immediately preceding the penultimate section and by renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION ____. Section 3-6-305(b) in SECTION 33, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Food, refreshments, meals, beverages, or health screenings that are provided in connection with an in-state event to which invitations are extended to an entire delegation of the general assembly; however, a copy of such invitation must be delivered to the ethics commission and to each member of the delegation at least seven (7) days in advance of the event by the employer of a lobbyist paying for the event; provided further, however, within thirty (30) days following the event, such employer of a lobbyist must electronically report to the commission the total aggregate cost paid for the event as well as the per person contractual cost for the event or the per person cost for the event based on the number of persons invited, which shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per person per day excluding sales tax and gratuity, and no lobbyist attends or pays for the event. The value of any such gift may not be reduced below such monetary limitation by dividing the cost of the gift among two (2) or more employers of lobbyists. All such information delivered or reported to the commission shall be promptly posted on the commission's Internet site. By rule, the commission may authorize the filing of a consolidated report if the costs of the event are shared by two (2) or more employers; however, any such report must specify the allocation of the costs among such employers; provided further, however, such employers shall remain individually accountable for the timeliness and accuracy of the consolidated filing.